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POLO TOURNAMENT.
Lieut.-Colonel Fraser and the Officers Royal Artillery, at Home, to-day (Wednesday), the 5th July, Post-Card at 5 p.m. Hongkong, 28th June, 1892.

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W. H. BROWN,

Business Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1892.

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THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY will be held at the Office of the Company, Queen's Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of July, 1892, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the abovementioned resolution was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 3rd day of July, 1892 (being an amendment of the resolution originally proposed at said meeting), will be again voted for confirmation as a special resolution, viz.:—

That the Memorandum and Articles of Association submitted to this meeting, and the same are hereinafter approved with the following alterations made thereunto:

1.—With the words "in Hongkong and elsewhere" inserted in clause 3 section (a)

line 1 of the said Memorandum of Association between the words "to carry on."

2.—With the words "placed before the last clause in the said Memorandum of Association beginning "The Capital of the Company" and with the latter portion of such clause beginning with the words "with power to decide down to the end of the clause eliminated."

3.—With the words "as the General Meeting resolving upon the creation thereof shall direct and no direction be given," inserted in the said Article Number 1 line 2 of the said Articles of Association between the words "annexed thereto" and the words "as the Directors shall determine."

4.—With the words "(if any)" inserted before the words "sums" and "as" and the words "the General Meeting" inserted between the words "Company" and "and" in Article Number 1 line 3 of the said Articles of Association.

5.—With all the words after the word "shall" in line 1 of Article Number 109 of the said Articles of Association eliminated down to the end of the Article and with the following words inserted instead thereof "three days of least previous to the meeting be served on the registered holders of shares in the manner in which they are heretofore directed to be served."

And that pursuant to the provisions of the Company's (Memorandum of Association) Ordinance 1890 the form of the Company's constitution be altered by substituting such Memorandum of Association with extended objects as therein set forth (after making the before mentioned alterations thereto) and such Articles of Association (after the before mentioned alterations thereto) for the Company's Deed of Settlement dated the 29th of August, 1863 and for all regulations of the Company subsequently made and now in force and that the Directors be authorised to apply to the Court to confirm this resolution under the said Ordinance.

Dated the 4th day of July, 1892.

By Order of the Board.

T. I. ROSE,

Secretary.

Queen's Building,

Victoria,

Hongkong.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, 4th July, 1892.

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Captain Dickens, will be despatched as above by THURSDAY, the 24th instant.

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The Daily Press.
HONGKONG, July 5th, 1899.

LIKE all great men Sir ROBERT HART has his detractors, amongst whom is to be numbered our correspondent "Old China Hand," to whom the Foreign Customs and all their ways are an abomination. Even "Old China Hand" himself, however, on reading over his letter which appears in another column must, we think, recognise the absurdity of his present attitude. He says Sir ROBERT HART "is continually by his ruling endeavouring to block British trade and take all the substance out of the concessions wrung from the paroxysm of the Chinese Government, leaving only a shadow of the concession obtained, as in the case of the opening up of inland waters, and who holds out bait with the intent of establishing his rule within the colony." The first assertion in the above is at variance with universal experience. It implies that Sir ROBERT HART discriminates against British trade, but probably our correspondent meant to say "foreign trade." Now all the foreign firms established in China have dealings more or less with the Customs, and many of them who have branches in other countries are in a position to comprise the Customs regime in China with those prevailing elsewhere. If a poll were taken on the subject the verdict would be that in few places, possibly nowhere, is the Customs business conducted in a manner which causes less delay or inconvenience to the merchant or trader than it is in China. Furthermore, to block trade would be contrary to the interest of the Foreign Customs, and Sir ROBERT HART's detractors allege that he has a keen eye for his own interests and those of the Service over which he presides. It is to the interest of that Service and of Sir ROBERT HART to produce a constantly increasing revenue, which certainly cannot be done by blocking trade. The spirit in which the Foreign Customs are conducted may be gathered from their invaluable annual and decennial reports, and that the spirit is translated into practice is proved by the total absence of complaints as to the administration of the Service, either collectively on the part of the Chambers of Commerce or by foreign merchants individually. For forty years the Imperial Maritime Customs Service of China has been exposed to the criticism of the world, from the representatives of Foreign Powers down to discontented members of the Service itself, and it stands to-day in possession of world-wide confidence, and is the basis of the credit so readily accorded to China in the world's money markets. Sir ROBERT HART was not the creator of the Service, but it's under his administration that it has reached its present high position, and he himself enjoys the confidence alike of the Chinese Government, of his own subordinates, and of all Foreign Governments. Even when the attempt was made recently by Russia to displace him no allegations were made against him; it was avowedly simply a contest for political power. Occupying as he does a position of such deserved eminence, he has brought us a little absurd for these

who oppose him on points affecting our local interests in Hongkong to suppose they can advance their cause by throwing mud?

Sir ROBERT HART is not infallible, and it is not specially by his opinion that the policy of the British Government should be guided, for, filling the position he does, he must necessarily be biased in favour of according indulgence to China when severity is called for. He has never made any secret of his opinion that China would return from within and that progress would come naturally and without violent pressure from without. That is now a discredited opinion, and the British Government has discovered, so far as I am concerned, that in leaning upon Sir ROBERT HART in matters outside his own department they have made a mistake; but as the head of the Customs Service is unimpeachable both as regards integrity and ability. It is made a charge against him that he fills the Service with his favourites. It is the fact that appointment and promotion go by patronage, and that the patronage rests with Sir ROBERT HART, also that he has not forgotten to do good to those of his own household, but the manner in which a person exercises any large patronage with which he may be endowed affords a very good index to his character, and in Sir ROBERT HART's case his nepotism has always been severely tempered by regard for efficiency. The case is notable in which the introduction of the competitive system could be recommended, and if the system of patronage is to prevail it could hardly be exercised more wisely or fairly than it has been by Sir ROBERT HART.

As to the animosity of the Chinese towards Sir ROBERT HART, it is evident that Sir ROBERT HART's influence has been a powerful factor in the creation of a highly popular "Fink" (Gordon) in the Chinese community. The Chinese are a people who follow their leaders, and the Chinese Gordon has consequently got enlarged. Mr. Henry Dallas took the part of Charles Greythorne, the man of whom his wife believed he never went astray, and he thoroughly identified himself with the part. Mrs. Keeyon Musgrave, as Sir Percy Wagstaff, also assumed him. Mr. J. S. Forrest was a good actor in the young old "Tubbs," whilst Mr. J. S. Hall took the part of Henry Greythorne. Mr. R. Stephenson appearing as the vivacious Brigadier, a half-drunken Mr. Mauro as first waiter. The ladies' characters were excellently portrayed by Miss Madge (Lady Wagstaff), Miss Barbara Foss (Mrs. Greythorne), Miss Annie Potter (Mrs. Tubbs), and Miss Fanny Stanley (Miss Ada Holmes), a half-drunk mother favourite. Charley's Aunt was staged.

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Mr. Rounseville Wildman, U.S. Consul General, sends us the following typhoon warning.—Manila Observatory, July 4th, 10.30 a.m. Typhoon in Pacific N.E. Manila including Tsinshau.

The subtropical cyclone crossed northward.

Yesterday afternoon the Land Investment Company bought Kawhoo Island Lot No. 898 for \$35,600, the present price being \$18,000.

The lot comprises 31,000 square feet and the annual rent is \$300. The land is situated at Tsimshau, at the back of the Wharf and Godown Company's premises.

Yesterday being "The Glorious Fourth" Consul General and his staff were invited to tea, and to tea and tobacco they have thereupon been calling at the Consulate to offer their congratulations on the great anniversary. The American vessels and vessels trading to American ports were decorated in honour of the occasion and the American residents abroad also made a display of the Stars and Stripes at their offices and residences.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherlands Hospitals has acknowledged the thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:

Wei Lun Shuk	25
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Messrs. Wm. G. Hale & Co., in their circular dated Saigon 20th June, say—"Brie—Our market has steadily declined lately, and we trust the easier feeling will continue. On the other hand, natives are firmly holding back supplies, which do not exceed 20,000,000 pieces of opium daily. Of course there is plenty of grain in the interior, and the Chinese are buying in the interior, while, if we steam-mill, sold £2,50. No. 2 White untailed steam-mill £75. 10 per cent cargo \$2,33. 20 per cent cargo £2,30. first cost of picc of 134 lbs gross English, without duty or any other charges. Tommorrow—Freights are 18/19 cents to Hongkong, 13/14 cents to Singapore, 25/26 cents to Java, 3/33 cents to Manila, without any great demand."

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"Old China Hand" allows himself to be so carried away by his feelings that he is unable to discriminate between sarcasm and serious assertion and takes "Open Door's" expression regarding the interception of trade by the mince of the Customs on our new frontier as indicative of active aggression. Mention is also made by our correspondent of the opening of the inland waters, which has so far proved a failure, but it has yet to be demonstrated that the failure is to be ascribed to any shortcoming on the part of Sir ROBERT HART, who is not all powerful when he has to struggle against Chinese obstruction and the corrupt interests bound up with the existing system of taxing trade on the waters in question.

There were 14 cases of plague yesterday and 14 deaths.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held tomorrow afternoon.

The steamer Idromi and Sikk started together from New York for Singapore. The New York Star says that the captain intended racing for wager of \$1,000.

The Shanghai Tramway Syndicate, Limited, has registered by Francisco and John, etc., 25,000 shares, with the object of constructing and working tramways in China or elsewhere. It is registered without articles of association.

The Singapore Free Press of the 26th June says—"A number of German officers and engineers (twenty-two in number) arrived by the Bremen last week to fit up vacancies as they occur in the local vessels formerly belonging to Alfred Holt. The Heats have become Padiots, and Holt's agents are at present in Padiots, and the Deputation on Wednesday will become the Sandakan."

General Sir James M. H. Maitland, K.C.B., B.E., who resides only in July, entered the Army forty-four years ago. He first distinguished himself in the China War of 1857-58. During the attack on the Peiping forts he was placed in charge of a battery and his daring gallantry won him cordial mention in despatches.

The cruiser Narrows arrived at Spithead on 25th May from China, her place in the British Fleet in Chinese waters having been taken by the Orlando. The Narrows at the conclusion of her steam trials was to be paid off to the C. Division of the Deckyard Reserve at Portsmouth on 19th June, when the crew were to be granted seven weeks leave.

We take the following from a newspaper in Manilla states that swarms of bats have attacked boxes containing a million dollars in paper money sent out for the payment of the American troops. The action in the Philippines is now changed, and Uncle Sam has got to protect himself from much more dangerous foes than the Filipinos. It is a case of Uncle Anti."

The Straits Times of the 26th June says—"The German cruiser Kaiser, 22,23 tons, Captain Stabenreuth, arrived yesterday morning from Amoy and exchanged salutes with the port. She carries 35 guns, is of 8,000 horsepower, and has a crew of 812. She is expected to leave for Colombo on Monday next. The Kaiser has a large amount of money spent on her during her stay in China, and it is stated that she expects performance of her services to be rewarded by a gratuity. It is said that she will have to be towed Europe. From an architectural point of view the Kaiser is certainly the ugliest specimen of the modern warship that has passed through Singapore."

In concluding an article on Lord Charles Beresford's report on his mission to China, it was intimated that Great Britain, the United States and Germany, have amongst them made a muddle of the affairs of the tiny island of Samoa, we cannot conceive that they would be more successful if they turned their united attention to the most populous country in the world. A condensation of the kind suggested is never successful. The dual control in Samoa would certainly have brought about a great deal of trouble, but had it been given to America and France to plan, control, and hold, it is equally probable that it would never have developed the result of Samoa as the untrammeled control of Lord Cromer has done. And what of France and Russia? Would they be content to see a Quisling Alliance reviving China for the sole purpose of excluding their ministerial influence? Obviously not. Lord Charles Beresford has given the British public a good deal of enlightenment upon the Chinese question, but does a position of such deserved eminence, does it not seem a little absurd for these

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